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Letter dated 6 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, and with reference to the letter dated 23 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/559), requesting the circulation of the letter of an entity engaged in crimes and violence in Syria, I wish to bring the following to your attention:

1. I strongly reject all the allegations against my Government contained in the above-mentioned letter (S/2015/559, annex), as they are unfounded and politically motivated fabrications that divert attention away from combating terrorists and violent extremists and can amount to attempts to cover up support for these elements.
2. The very act of submitting such baseless propaganda against a United Nations Member State by another United Nations Member State to be circulated as a United Nations document runs counter to the very purposes and principles of the United Nations, which consist, inter alia, of developing friendly relations among nations and peacefully resolving international disputes.
3. This act also amounts to misusing an established practice at the United Nations and employing it in the service of spreading lies and distorting facts, which can only serve short-sighted political interests and narrow agendas. This certainly aggravates, rather than eases, tensions and is contrary to the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.
4. The Islamic Republic of Iran has always warned against terrorism and violent extremism and the provision of support to extremists in the region. Following savagery and barbaric crimes perpetrated against the Syrian and Iraqi peoples by extremist groups, and considering the fact that insecurity and instability do not recognize borders, it is imperative that all United Nations Member States adopt a responsible and serious approach to focus on real challenges that jeopardize peace and security in our region.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Gholamali **Khoshroo**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

